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R 230945Z MAY 75  
FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2830  
INFO USIA WASHDC  
AMEMBASSY BELGRADE  
AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST  
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AMEMBASSY SOFIA  
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STATE FOR CU/ARTS

E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJECT: CU/ARTS-LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

REF: A) BUCHAREST 2128; B) STATE 116774

1. REFTTEL B INDICATES THAT SOME CONFUSION EXISTS REGARDING  
LEVEL OF SUPPORT TO WHICH ARIA HAS AGREED IN CONNECTION WITH  
LAPO TOUR IN NOVEMBER 1976 AND VISIT OF ADVANCE TEAM FALL  
1975.

2. TO CLARIFY REFTTEL A, ARIA HAS AGREED TO HOST ADVANCE  
TEAM VISIT TO EXTENT OF COVERING COST OF LOCAL HOTEL  
ACCOMMODATIONS AND PROVIDING USUAL 100 LEI PER PERSON PER  
DAY FOOD STIPEND FOR PERIOD OF VISIT. ARIA REQUESTS  
ITINERARY AND NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS AT LEAST TWO WEEKS  
IN ADVANCE OF VISIT.

3. AS POINTED OUT IN BUCHAREST 207, ARIA PREPARED  
SUPPORT PERFORMANCES BY ORCHESTRA IN ROMANIA BY PROVIDING  
FOLLOWING: FIRSTCLASS HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, 100 LEI PER  
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PERSON PER DAY FOOD STIPEND, INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION, AND

ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PERFORMANCE. IN BUCHAREST 297, EMBASSY POINTED OUT THAT "ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS SUCH AS COST OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL WILL REQUIRE SEPARATE APPROACH TO ARIA WHEN THIS PRECISE REQUIREMENT AND COST IS KNOWN".

4. BASED ON INFORMATION IN STATE 100594, EMBASSY HAS APPROACHED ARIA ON REQUIREMENTS FOR SHARING COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION OF PEOPLE AND PROPERTIES. WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT MOST LIKELY FREIGHT ARRANGEMENT NOW APPEARS TO BE CHARTER TRUCKING FROM VIENNA FOR ENTIRE ITINERARY. WE HAVE PROPOSED THAT ARIA PAY DIRECT TO EMBASSY THEIR PORTION OF THIS ARRANGEMENT IN LEI (REPRESENTING COST OF MOVEMENT OF PROPERTIES WITHIN ROMANIA) ACCORDING TO ITEM D PARA 8 STATE 100594. IN OUR VIEW, THIS WOULD BE FAR MORE EFFICIENT THAN OPTION TO TRANSFER PROPERTIES AT ROMANIAN FRONTIER TO ROMANIAN TRUCKING FIRM.

5. REGARDING MOVEMENT OF GROUP MEMBERS, ARIA CONSIDERING PAYING COSTS OF ONE-LEG OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL WARSAW-BUCHAREST OR BUCHAREST-BELGRADE PROVIDING THIS COST - AS IN FREIGHT ARRANGEMENTS - DOES NOT INVOLVE HARD CURRENCY EXPENDITURE. THUS, MOVEMENT MUST BE ON ROMANIAN AIRLINE.

6. PRIOR TO CONFIRMING PARTICIPATION IN MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND PROPERTY, ARIA MUST KNOW COSTS INVOLVED FAIRLY PRECISELY. OBVIOUSLY, MAXIMUM POSSIBLE INCOME FROM TWO APPEARANCES OF ORCHESTRA HERE IN 3000-SEAT SALA PALATULUI MUST BE BALANCED AGAINST SUPPORT COSTS. PRIOR TO MAKING FIRM DECISION, ARIA IS WAITING FOR U.S. SIDE TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS IN MATTER OF PEOPLE AND FREIGHT.

7. POST WILLING SUPPORT THIS MAJOR PERFORMING ARTS VISIT BY ALLOCATION FROM POST GOE TO SUPPLEMENT ARIA'S MAXIMUM EFFORT WHEN REQUIREMENTS AND ARIA RESPONSE IS KNOWN. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ARIA BE ABLE TO PAY ORCHESTRA'S PER CONCERT U.S. DOLLAR FEE.  
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8. EMBASSY HOPES THESE FURTHER DETAILS CLARIFY PRESENT SITUATION HERE REGARDING LAPO VISIT IN 1976. WE AWAIT DEPARTMENT'S DETERMINATION OF FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS REGARDING ORCHESTRA MOVEMENT.  
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